

Louisiana State Civil Service Commissioner



Chatham "Chat" Reed, nominated by Centenary College, was appointed to the State Civil Service Commission by Governor Kathleen Blanco in February 2005.

Reed is an attorney, a long-time partner in the Simon, Fitzgerald, Cooke, Reed and Welch law firm in Shreveport. An active volunteer with local churches and charities, he also now serves on the National Committee for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Reed has a bachelor's degree in English literature from Centenary College. After graduating, he was in Nancy and Strasbourg, France on a Fulbright Scholarship. For two years, he was a teaching assistant at Duke University, where he earned a master's degree in foreign languages. In 1973, he graduated from the University of Texas Law School and moved back to Shreveport where he began practicing law.

Reed is married to Wendy, a Latin and French high school teacher who is very active in The Friends of Shreve Memorial Library and other local charities. They have two sons, Chatham and James. The entire family enjoys hiking, camping and backpacking in the West and in Arkansas. They have enjoyed traveling in the United States as well as in Central America and Europe.

Reed's term on the Commission will expire December 10, 2010.